

Texas Military Department News

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The Texas National Guard activated 545 service members today at locations around Texas to reinforce the border mission in anticipation of the end of Title 42 immigration restrictions.

These additional forces will bolster the thousands of Texas National Guard service members already assisting local and state law enforcement agencies to secure the border; stop the smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people into Texas; and prevent, detect, and interdict transnational criminal behavior between the ports of entry.

We have expanded our capabilities to include boat teams that patrol hundreds of river miles, drones and helicopters that detect illicit activity from the air, and brush teams, security points, and roving patrols that block and interdict illegal smuggling (drugs, weapons, and people) into Texas.

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Pictured above: Members of the Texas Army National Guard load Texas Air National Guard C-130J cargo aircraft early Monday morning moving to the border as part of a statewide mission to reinforce border operations in anticipation of the end of Title 42 immigration restrictions. (Courtesy Photo)

The mission of the Texas Military Department (TMD) is to provide the governor and the president with ready and trained forces in support of the citizens of Texas and State and Federal civil/military authorities at home and abroad.

The Texas Military Department is commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor. The Texas Military Department includes the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG) and the Texas State Guard (TXSG).

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